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ZAIRE EITHOUT BOGGING DOWN IN AFRICAN RIVALRIES OR
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THE TALKS BEGAN AS THE FIRST CONTINGENT OF MOROCCANS ARRIVED IN THE SOUTHERN ZAIRIAN PROVINCE OF SHABA TO REPLACE FRENCH FOREIGN LEGIONNAIRES WHO DROVE ATTACKING INSURGENTS OUT OF THE COPPER-MINING CENTER OF KOLWEZI THERE LAST MONTH.

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